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1-6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) A method of processing voice calls and data messages in a dual-mode mobile communication device having a voice interface for receiving and processing voice calls, a data interface for receiving and processing data messages, and a magnet detection system, the method comprising:

placing the dual-mode mobile communication device into a holster having a magnet, wherein the magnet detection system detects the presence of the magnet and places the dual-mode mobile communication device into an idle state;

receiving an incoming signal at the dual-mode mobile communication device;

if the incoming signal is a data message, then delaying notification of the received data message until the dual-mode mobile communication device is able to decrypt and and/or decompress the data message, and once the data message has been decrypted and and/or decompressed, then notifying a user of the received data message; and

if the incoming signal is a voice signal, then determining whether the voice call originated from a user-selected group of phone numbers, and if so, then notifying the user of the received voice call.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

removing the dual-mode mobile communication device from the holster, the magnet detection system detecting that the device is no longer in proximity to the magnet; and

in response thereto, automatically opening the received data message and displaying it to the user of the device.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

removing the dual-mode mobile communication device from the holster, the magnet detection system detecting that the device is no longer in proximity to the magnet; and

in response thereto, automatically answering the voice call without the user having to select a button or other interface element of the dual-mode mobile communication device.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

in further response thereto, displaying caller identification information regarding the answered voice call.

11.   (Currently Amended) A method of automatically answering a voice call in a mobile communication device having a magnet detection system, comprising:

placing the mobile communication device into a holster having a magnet, the magnet detection system sensing the magnet and placing the mobile communication device into an idle state;

receiving a voice call at the mobile communication device while it is in the holster;

notifying a user of the mobile communication device that the voice call has been received;

the user removing the mobile communication device from the holster such that the magnet is no longer proximate to the magnet detection system;

determining whether the mobile communication device is configured to automatically answer voice calls upon removal of the mobile communication device from the holster;

if the mobile communication device is configured to automatically answer voice calls upon removal of the mobile communication device from the holster, then automatically answering the voice call upon removal of the mobile communication device from the holster; and

if the mobile communication device is not configured to automatically answer voice calls upon removal of the mobile communication device from the holster, then displaying caller information regarding the received voice call and prompting the user to answer the call upon removal of the mobile communication device from the holster.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the automatically answering the voice call step further comprises automatically displaying caller information regarding the received voice call.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

placing the mobile communication device back into the holster; and

the magnet detection system sensing the holster magnet and automatically terminating the voice call and placing the device into the idle state.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

providing a user selected group of phone numbers at the mobile communication device that are to be automatically answered;

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determining whether the received voice call is from a phone number on the user selected group of phone numbers;

if the received voice call is on the user selected group of phone numbers, then automatically answering the voice call when the device is removed from the holster; and

if the received voice call is not on the user selected group of phone numbers, then displaying caller information regarding the received voice call and prompting the user to answer the call.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

if the received voice call is on the user selected group of phone numbers then the notifying step further comprises executing a first notification on the mobile communication device; and

if the received voice call is not on the user selected group of phone numbers then the notifying step further comprises executing a second notification on the mobile communication device.

16.   (Previously Presented) A method of processing data messages in a mobile communication device having a magnet detection system, comprising:

placing the mobile communication device into a holster having a magnet, wherein the magnet detection system detects the presence of the magnet and places the mobile communication device into an idle state;

receiving an encrypted _and_ ~~and/or~~ compressed data message at the mobile communication device;

delaying notification of the received data message until the mobile communication device is able to decrypt and and/or decompress the data messages, and once the data message has been decrypted and and/or decompressed, then notifying a user of the received data message; and

upon removing the mobile communication device from the holster, the magnet detection system detecting that the mobile communication device is no longer in proximity to the holster magnet and automatically opening and displaying the decrypted and and/or decompressed data message to the user.